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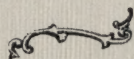
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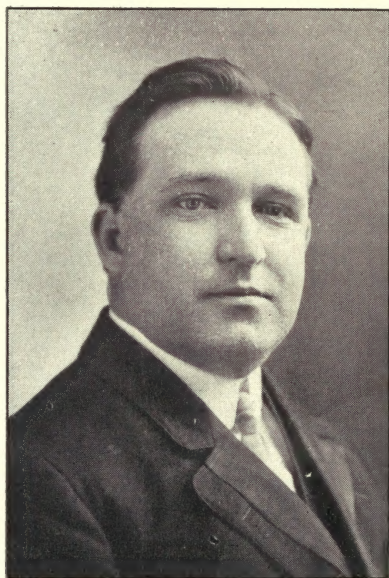
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Program of Services and Meetings

Sunday, October 1.

Sermons by former Pastors.

FIRST CHURCH—St. Paul Street.

- 10 a.m.—Fellowship Meeting.
- 11 a.m.—Rev. D. W. Snider, Toronto, Secretary Ontario Lord's Day Alliance.
- 7 p.m.—Capt. (Rev.) J. R. Patterson, Toronto.

WELLAND AVENUE CHURCH.

- 10 a.m.—Fellowship Meeting.
- 11 a.m.—Rev. D. A. Moir, B. D., Thorold.
- 7 p.m.—Rev. Manly Benson, D. D., Tillsonburg.

NIAGARA STREET CHURCH.

- 10 a.m.—Fellowship Meeting.
- 11 a.m.—Rev. W. E. Stafford, B. A., Fonthill.
- 7 p.m.—Rev. Edward Sheppard, Hamilton.

Tuesday, October 3.

- 6.30 p.m.—Banquet for the Official members of the three Churches and their wives—To be held in Welland Avenue Sunday School room. Rev. D. A. Moir, B. D., Chairman of District, will preside.

Sunday, October 8.

Church Anniversary.

NIAGARA STREET CHURCH.

Sermons by former Pastors.

- 11 a.m.—Rev. C. Sinclair Applegath, Toronto.
- 2.45 p.m.—Mass Meeting of Sunday School in tent seating 800. Special Musical Program.
- Addresses by Revs. Applegath and Christie.
- 7 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Christie, B. A., Burlington.

Seats will be reserved at the morning service for Official Members of First and Welland Avenue Churches. Pastors of First and Welland Avenue Churches will conduct their own services in the morning and exchange in the evening.

Monday, October 9.

Anniversary Tea-meeting.

NIAGARA STREET CHURCH.

- 6 p.m.—Supper served in a large tent on the Church lawn.
- 8 p.m.—Special Musical Program.
- Addresses by Rev. H. B. Christie, Rev. C. S. Applegath and local Pastors. Admission 25 cents.

Sunday, October 15.

Church Anniversary.

WELLAND AVENUE CHURCH.

Sermons by former Pastors.

- 11 a.m.—Rev. G. W. Henderson, D. D., Brantford.
- 2.45 p.m.—Mass Meeting of Sunday School
Special Musical Program.
Addresses by Revs. Henderson and Crews.
- 7 p.m.—Rev. A. C. Crews, D. D., Toronto.
Editor of Sabbath School Publications.

Seats will be reserved at the morning service for Official Members of First and Niagara Street Churches. Pastors of First and Niagara Street Churches will conduct their own services in the morning and exchange in the evening.

Monday, October 16.

Anniversary Tea-meeting.

WELLAND AVENUE CHURCH.

- 6 p.m.—Supper served in the Sunday School room.
- 8 p.m.—Special Musical Program.
Addresses by Rev. Dr. Henderson, Rev. Dr. Crews, and
local Pastors. Admission 25 cents.

Thursday, October 19.

- 8 p.m.—Collier Hill Sunday School.
Anniversary night.
Special Musical Program and Addresses.

Sunday, October 22.

Church Anniversary.

FIRST CHURCH—St. Paul Street.

Sermons by former Pastors.

- 11 a.m.—Rev. Alexander Langford, D. D., Toronto.
- 2.45 p.m.—Mass Meeting of Sunday Schools.
Special Musical Program.
Address by Rev. I. Tovell, D. D.
- 7 p.m.—Rev. I. Tovell, D. D., Toronto.

Seats will be reserved at morning service for Official Members of Welland Avenue and Niagara Street Churches. Pastors of Welland Avenue and Niagara Street Churches will conduct their own services in the morning and exchange in the evening.

Monday, October 23.

Anniversary Tea-meeting.

FIRST CHURCH—St. Paul Street.

- 6 p.m.—Supper served in the Sunday School room.
- 8 p.m.—Special Musical Program.
Addresses by Rev. W. S. Griffin, D. D., Toronto; Rev.
Dr. Langford and Rev. Dr. Tovell and local Pastors.
Admission 25 cents.

Tuesday, October 24.

- 7.30 p.m.—Mass meeting in First Church of all the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. Address by Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Toronto, General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. Historical sketches and special music by the Sunday Schools. Collection. Chairman, Rev. R. D. Hamilton.
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Wednesday, October 25.

- 8 p.m.—Love-feast for the united congregations in First Church, conducted by Rev. George Clark, Ph. D., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper conducted by Rev. S. E. Marshall, assisted by all ministers present. Collection.
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Thursday, October 26.

- 8 p.m.—Mass meeting of all Ladies' Aids and Woman's Missionary Auxiliaries in First Church. Illustrated address on "Woman and Methodism" by Mrs. (Dr.) F. C. Stephenson, Toronto. Special music. Collection. Chairman, Mrs. S. E. Marshall.
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Friday, October 27.

- 8.15 p.m.—Grand Choir Concert in First Church by the combined choirs of the three churches. Silver offering at the door.
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UNION EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

OCTOBER 29 to NOVEMBER 19.

Conducted by Kerr Brothers.

All the week night services will be held in First Church, opening each night with a song service at 7.45.

Sunday, October 29.

FIRST CHURCH—St. Paul Street.

- 11 a.m.—Rev. J. Mc D. Kerr.
7 p.m.—The Pastor.

WELLAND AVENUE CHURCH.

- 11 a.m.—The Pastor.
7 p.m.—Kerr Bros.

NIAGARA STREET CHURCH.

- 11 a.m.—Rev. H. W. Kerr.
7 p.m.—The Pastor.

- Nov. 5th—7 p.m.—Kerr Bros. in First Church.
Nov. 12th—7 p.m.—Kerr Bros. in Welland Avenue Church.
Nov. 19th—7 p.m.—Kerr Bros. in First Church.

All other services including Cottage Prayer-meetings will be announced later.



FORMER PASTORS OF FIRST CHURCH, (St. Paul Street.)

Top Row—*W. R. Parker, *Thos. Colling, G. H. Bridgeman, Alex. Langford,
*Clausius Byrne.

2nd Row—*K. Creighton, I. Tovell, H.T. Crossley, F. A. Cassidy, *E. R. Young.

3rd Row—*I. B. Howard, *W.J. Hunter, W. S. Griffin, *J. Pickering, S. Cleaver.

4th Row—*J. Carroll, *J.A. Williams, *A.L. Gee, J.R. Patterson *G.R. Sanderson.

5th Row—*S. Rose, *W. McCullough, D. W. Snider, *W.J. Maxwell, *J.P. Lewis.

Bottom Row—*Robert Cooney, *George Goodson.

*Deceased.

Methodism in St. Catharines

ST. PAUL STREET CHURCH

THE history of Methodism in St. Catharines is a large part of the history of Methodism in the Niagara Peninsula, and the history of St. Paul Street Church is a large part of the history of Methodism in St. Catharines. An adequate narrative of the beginning and growth of Methodism in our city is, unfortunately, an impossibility in a brochure of this size, but those who feel interested should read the carefully prepared sketch by the late Rev. Dr. Gee, published in 1900 under the title of "A Souvenir."

In the following very brief story of St. Paul Street Church nothing more than the bare outlines can be given. The writer is sorely tempted to enter into interesting details of men and events, but these must perforce be omitted, as space will not permit the luxury of expansion.

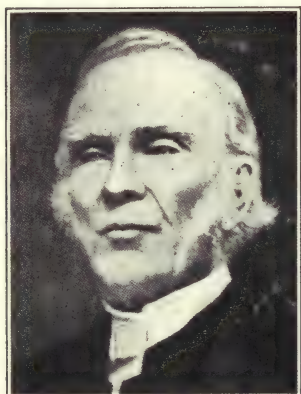
Methodism in Canada was introduced in the last quarter of the 18th Century, and its introduction we owe to our neighbours across the border; for Canada was a mission field of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, and the story of the zeal, privations, and success of the early missionaries is one of thrilling interest. The heroism of the men who made their way in toilsome journeys from one little settlement in the wilderness to another, carrying the gospel to those who were struggling with the great hardships of pioneer life, has not been surpassed in any mission field, and no account of Canadian colonization is complete which omits the part played by Methodist missionaries in its development. So far as the Niagara Peninsula is concerned the honour of introducing Methodism is usually given to Major Geo. Neal, "who preached and formed a class in 1788." But when we remember that immigration into this district from the United States began before that date, it seems reasonable to suppose that Methodist families had found their way here before Major Neal came among us.

It is impossible to understand rightly what took place in those days in the mission fields, unless we keep before us, as vividly as possible, a picture of what an early Canadian settlement was like. And if we can do this we will appreciate the fact that the missionary's circuit took in many small settlements. We are told that in 1795 the Niagara Circuit was formed, with Darius Dunham as preacher, and that this circuit "extended north and east beyond Toronto, until it was met by the Kingston Circuit." After Dunham came a number of

worthy successors—James Coleman, Nathan Bangs, Henry Ryan and others, all of whom are deserving a place in our Canadian annals for the noble work they accomplished.

Omitting a host of interesting details it may be mentioned that the first conference which met in the Niagara District was held at Lundy's Lane, in July, 1820.

Coming closer to our subject—the history of St. Paul Street Church—we have an authentic record that in 1816, “the people called Methodists” in St. Catharines met at the home of Rufus Wright, at the corner of Ontario and Trafalgar streets, for the worship of God and spiritual fellowship. It is just possible that Methodists had found their way sometime before to the little village, but we have no means of finding out whether any organization existed before 1816. To the brothers Rufus and Gershom Wright, St. Paul Street Church owes



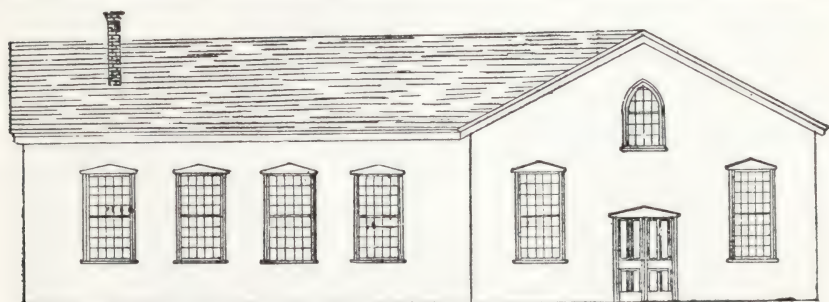
REV. EZRA ADAMS
Pastor of St. Paul Street Church,
1822-24, when first chapel
was erected.

much, and as pioneers of Methodism and men of worth their names should not be forgotten. A little later there came the desire for a larger place of worship. Perhaps the number of Methodists had outgrown the hospitable home of Rufus Wright; at any rate in 1823, land was secured for a chapel, and on the present site of St. Paul Street Church, an unpretentious frame building was erected. Just when this first church edifice came into existence we do not know, but the late Mr. William Pay, an authority on these matters, thought it was before 1823. Again, let us bear in mind that this little church was but one of several on the then widely extended Niagara Circuit.

The little settlement of St. Catharines, however, was growing, and it was becoming evident that something in the nature of permanency was required for the good of Methodism. A “home for the preacher” was becoming a necessity, which shows that St. Catharines was more than a mere “preaching place;” in fact, the purchase of a (now valuable) property for a parsonage is ample evidence that the preacher was expected to live in town. The property bought covered the ground between the Roman Catholic Church and St. George's Church, on Church Street, and extended back to Raymond Street. Only a small section of this large tract is now in the hands of St. Paul Street Church—a lot 80 feet by 120 feet. The purchase was made from William Hamilton Merritt, for the sum of £32, 10s—about \$130.

Now comes a change of importance in our history. St. Catharines became an independent circuit in 1832, and one of the greatest men in Canadian history was its first superintendent. That man was Egerton Ryerson, the broad-minded founder of our public school system in Ontario. It is well to note, however, that the St. Catharines Circuit included much more than the town itself, as it extended many miles in every direction, including Thorold, Beaverdams, St. Johns, etc.

The growth of the congregation soon made it necessary to enlarge



First Method'st Chapel in St. Catharines—erected before 1823

the chapel; so in 1845, wings were added, and a stone foundation put under it. Thus re-constructed, the building continued to be the place of worship until the erection of the present building in 1860-63. In the meantime it was found necessary to further restrict the size of the circuit. In 1854, St. Catharines and its immediate vicinity was made a separate circuit, and the remainder was set aside as one with two preachers—a married man and a single one being appointed.

The incoming of modern ideas is shown by a movement about this time to have a musical instrument introduced to help the choir in the



First Methodist Chapel as enlarged in 1845



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
St. Paul Street

discharge of its duties. No doubt there was much opposition to this innovation, but there was no resisting the feeling, and so an organ was bought for the sum of £70 (\$280), and placed in the gallery.

In 1858, the question of a new building came up for discussion, but no decision was reached. It was not until August 13, 1860, that a resolution was carried "to move the old church back into the graveyard adjoining and to build a new church on its present site." An attempt was made a week later to have this resolution re-considered, but it failed, and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the new building. It was no light task that the trustees had undertaken. The records of the year that follow are full of interesting facts



THE OLD ST. PAUL STREET W. M. CHURCH

that tell of the self-sacrifice of the members of St. Paul Street Church in their efforts to erect an edifice worthy of Methodism in St. Catharines. To us the cost of the building seems very small, nevertheless it taxed the generosity of the adherents to the utmost to complete the building. And its completion was not accomplished in a month or a year. The height of the walls had to be increased after the contract had been let, and the plans for the roof were changed. Side galleries were an after-thought, so too was the tower. The building contract was given March 1861, to Mr. Henry Burgoyne, the father of the present Mayor W. B. Burgoyne. The task of raising money seemed no easy one, and the records show that eight per cent. was frequently paid on loans. But the new building was finally

ready for use in 1863, and its cost was approximately \$12,000. Subsequently, in 1870, a spire was added at a cost of \$2500.

In 1869, Port Dalhousie was added to the St. Catharines Circuit. This move did not seem to have been a success, for nothing permanent came of it.

We have now reached that part of our history when St. Paul Street Church becomes the parent of two promising children—the Welland Avenue, and the Niagara Street Methodist Churches. In December, 1870, a meeting of the Quarterly Official Board was called to consider the advisability of erecting a new Wesleyan Methodist Church on Welland Avenue. A resolution to that effect was unanimously



FIRST CHURCH PARSONAGE, CHURCH STREET

carried, and a Board of Trustees for the new church recommended. Early in the year 1871 the lot for the building was selected, and the Board of Trustees chosen. The same year a petition was sent to Conference to form the country appointments into a separate circuit.

In 1873 a street was opened between Church and Raymond, and named Lyman, after Lyman Parsons, the first named in the deed to the original trustees. The parsonage property was then divided into lots. Steps were also taken this year to erect a new parsonage.

The following year (1874) a committee was appointed "to take into consideration the building of a new Wesleyan Church on Niagara Street." This proposal seems to have met little opposition for the year 1875 marks the opening of the new church under the pastorate of

Rev. G. R. Sanderson, D. D. and Rev. Cecil Harper, B. A. In 1876 it was united to St. Paul Street Church, the connection lasting for several years. The erection of two churches and a costly parsonage within a year or two looks to us as rather remarkable. But the explanation is found in the fact that St. Catharines was for a brief time passing through a "boom" period. The new Welland Canal was in process of construction and extravagant ideas of the future of the town prevailed everywhere. The landmarks of this "boom" are yet to be found in many parts of our city.

January 10th, 1876, was a frightfully cold day, and it was a day long remembered by the members of St. Paul Street Church, for on that day the building which a few years before had been erected at so much sacrifice, was nearly destroyed by fire. Thanks to the brave and determined efforts of the fire brigade the flames were kept inside the walls and roof, and while the damage was great, the building was not destroyed. Its restoration, however, cost a large sum, (\$10,000) and this, added to the financial depression that rested like a pall for years over Canada, placed a heavy burden on the shoulders of its members. But the burden was borne manfully and successfully in spite of the fact that for a time there was a considerable falling off in membership.

In 1876 Welland Avenue Church became independent, and in 1879, Niagara Street, Louth and Grantham Churches were made into a separate circuit.

Great connexional movements must now be noted, for Church union sentiment became so powerful among the various branches of the Methodist Church that first of all the New Connexion body united with the Wesleyan, and ten years later, all the different Methodist denominations in Canada and Newfoundland joined to make the Methodist Church of to-day.

In 1890 the present Sunday School was erected, and the old church, so dear to many of the older members, was removed to make room for the new building. In the meantime,



W. J. ROBERTSON
Recording Steward St. Paul Street Church

the debt on the church was being gradually reduced. A legacy of \$6,000 from the late William Duck, and a magnificent church subscription marking the beginning of the 20th century, ended (for all time we trust) the mortgage debt on the church itself.

Recent years have seen many improvements in the interior of the building, of which the most noticeable was the installation in 1909 of an organ with tones of great purity and power. Thus, while the exterior of the church is very plain and unpretentious, its interior has few equals as an auditorium, in St. Catharines or elsewhere.

When Methodism was established, St. Catharines was a small village today it is a flourishing city in the midst of a thickly settled district. St. Paul Street Church for years was the outstanding representative of Methodism in the Niagara Peninsula and became in time the parent of several churches, all of whom it has aided and encouraged to grow into strength and usefulness. It still fills a large place in the religious life of the city, and its members not only point with pride to its achievements in the past—to the heroic deeds of its founders,—but believe that God has still a greater work for this now historic church to do than has been accomplished in the hundred years of existence.



INTERIOR VIEW OF ST. PAUL STREET CHURCH

With its large membership, its fine equipment, its historic associations, much can be done for the Master's cause, if its members prove as true and devoted as those who gave us our present rich heritage.



COLLIER HILL CHURCH

was carried on. Then the school was closed, but it was found necessary to open it again. It is now in operation with a fair attendance, and with possibilities of doing much good before it. Its future was linked last June to that of St. Paul Street Church by the Hamilton Conference, and on St. Paul Street Church rests to-day the responsibility of making this outpost of our work a success. Among others who have laboured in this particular field, without hope or desire of any public recognition of their work, we may name the following Superintendents of the Sunday School :—Richard Collier, Noah

Phelps, Charles Burch, John Carter, Walter Bradley, Henry Riddle, Milton Carter, S. N. Moyer, W. A. Gardner, Charles Steele.

COLLIER HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL

There stands to-day on Westchester Avenue, overlooking the old Welland Canal, a little frame building in which a Sunday school is held. The site and building was a gift from Richard Collier, a man of great force of character, and equally great generosity, who did much for Methodism in his day. Among other things was the erection of Collier Hill Church, which was deeded to the Methodist Church (not to St. Paul Street) as a place of worship. A Board of Trustees was appointed to take charge of the building in 1878. Since its establishment, Collier Hill Church has had its ups and downs. For years very successful Sunday school work



RICHARD COLLIER



FORMER PASTORS WELLAND AVENUE CHURCH.

Top Row—Manly Benson, *T. Colling, G. W. Henderson, G. W. Kerby.

2nd Row—V. H. Emory, A. C. Crews, D. A. Moir.

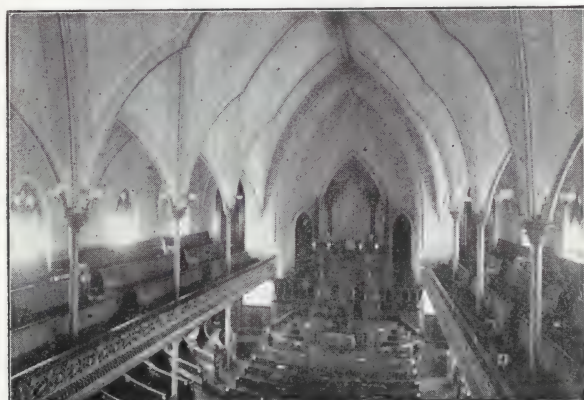
3rd Row—*L. W. Crews, *J. Philip, *J. Vanwyck, W.H. Harvey, G. Mitchell.

Bottom Row—Wm. Smyth, J. W. Holmes.

*Deceased.

WELLAND AVENUE CHURCH

IT was in the closing days of the year 1870 that the Official Board of St. Paul Street Church, until that time the only Methodist Church in St. Catharines, voted, in the words of the resolution "to build another Wesleyan Methodist Church in this town in the neighborhood of Welland Avenue." Early in the following year, 1871, effect was given to this resolution by the appointment of a Trustee Board for Welland Avenue Wesleyan Methodist Church, as the new church was to be styled. Of this original Trustee Board, two members Wm. Henry Pay and Wm. Henry Dyer, are active and earnest members still. Alex. Junkin was first Recording Steward and Rev. Jas. Brock was Superintendent of the circuit. Associated with him was Rev. G. H. Bridgman, now of Minneapolis, who rendered valuable service

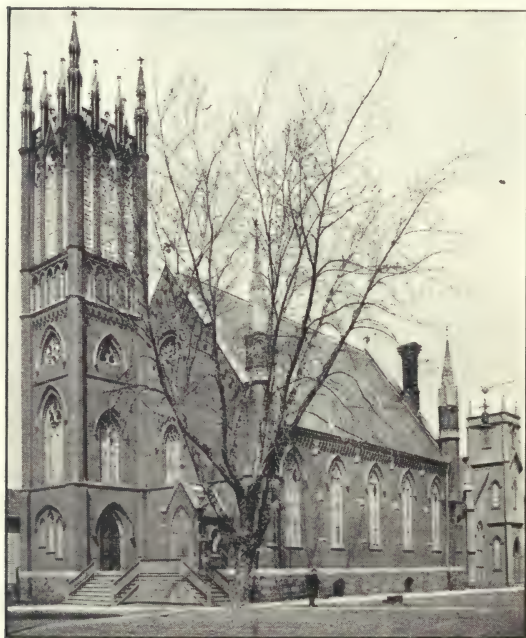


INTERIOR VIEW OF WELLAND AVENUE CHURCH

in securing subscriptions to make the new enterprise possible. Without delay a lot, 50 x 100 feet at the corner of Welland Avenue and Henry Street was purchased, plans were prepared, tenders called for, and a frame building erected. It was ready for occupancy before the close of the year. Five years later, in 1876, Walter McGibbon and Thomas E. Dudley were elected members of the Trustee Board. Both are members today. In 1876 Welland Avenue Church which had previously been an appointment on the St. Catharines Circuit, was set apart as an independent station. Rev. Thomas Colling, B. A., was the first pastor under the new order of things. By this time the building erected in 1871, had already been outgrown, and it was first decided to extend it. Within a month however more courageous principles had prevailed, the previous decision was withdrawn and in the records for



WELLAND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH
(Now S. S. Room)



WELLAND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

June of that year is found a resolution to build a new church. The present edifice was the result and it was dedicated on November 25th, 1877. Sidney R. Badgely, then a resident of St. Catharines, and since famous in his chosen profession, was the architect of the new building. The original building was moved to the rear to be used as a school-room, additional land having previously been purchased for this purpose. The decision to build the new church called for no small amount of faith and courage. Industrial affairs were at a low ebb and all Canada, including St. Catharines, suffered from the prevailing depression. Heavy burden of debt was assumed which caused grave anxiety for many years. The membership was only about one-fifth of what it is at present. In 1879 Alex. Junkin resigned as Recording Steward and was succeeded by Walter McGibbon, who filled the position continuously until 1908, a period of 29 years. Despite the financial trials of earlier years, the faith which had found expression in the new building was fully justified and finally, the mortgage was paid off and buried in 1911 to the great joy and thankfulness of the the congregation. Two years later the interior of the church was thoroughly renovated and new stained glass windows as well as a new system of lighting were installed. At this time the beautiful Notman memorial window, a gift from the Notman family, was unveiled. The present membership is 640 and all departments of the work are in a flourishing condition under the superintendency of the present pastor, Rev. R. D. Hamilton. At the present time plans are under way to build a new modern school-room which is the one thing most needed to enable Welland Avenue Church to take advantage of its splendid opportunities in extending the cause of Christ's Kingdom in our city.

We are looking hopefully forward to the celebration of our Golden Jubilee in a few years—but are glad to share in the joy, and glory of the old mother church in the celebration of One Hundred Years of Service for God and Humanity.



L. R. GRIMSHAW
Recording Steward Welland Avenue Church



FORMER PASTORS OF NIAGARA STREET CHURCH.

Top Row—F. G. Farrill, W. J. Sipprell W. E. Stafford.

2nd Row—J. G. Foote, A. C. Eddy, H. Monsinger, W. D. Misener, W. D. Clark

3rd Row—E. Sheppard, B. Eyre, H.B. Christie, W.H. Barraclough, *A.B. Miller

4th Row—*J. Harris, G. F. Swinnerton, G. S. Cassmore, S. W. Fallis, J. M. Cope-

land.
Bottom Row—C. S. Applegath, Thomas L. Kerruish.

*Deceased.

NIAGARA STREET CHURCH

THE Niagara Street Methodist Church is a development of the Sunday School. In the year 1874, there was a Young Men's Association in St. Paul Street Church, five of whose members, Messrs. E. Stapleford, Henry T. Willson, W. B. Burgoyne (now Mayor of St. Catharines), and Geo. Wickins, with one other whose name has been forgotten, acting on the suggestion of Rev. Thomas Colling, B.A., Assistant Pastor of St. Paul Street Church, started a small Sunday School on Niagara Street, just north of the Grand Trunk Railway crossing, in a room of a private house rented from the late James Hastings. The school thus founded was the nucleus of the Niagara Street Methodist Church now standing on the corner of Nelson and Niagara Streets.

On May 5th, 1874, a committee from the St. Paul Street Board, consisting of Messrs. Collier, Gillespie, Reilly, Moyer, Gil- leland and Fairfield were appointed to take into consideration the building of a new Wesleyan Church on Niagara Street.

In 1874, Mr. B. C. Fairfield had secured the present lot where the church now stands. In 1875, during the pastorate of Rev. Cecil Harper, B.A., the corner stone of the present church was laid. Mr. James W. Grant had the contract for the wood work, and Mr. John Carter, "undoubtedly the leading pillar of the church up to his death in 1916," that of the mason work.



NIAGARA STREET CHURCH

In 1876, from the St. Paul Street Quarterly Official Board, a recommendation was sent to the Conference that the Niagara Street Church be united with St. Paul Street Church, and that the circuit name be St. Catharines First. In 1878, Rev. W. J. Maxwell, Pastor of St. Paul Street Church, added the school-room to Niagara Street Church, very largely through his own exertions.

The officials of St. Paul Street Church again, in 1879, petitioned Conference to re-arrange the work for St. Catharines. The plan pro-

posed was:—Niagara Street, Junkin's and Louth appointments be a separate circuit with a single ordained man. In 1879, Rev. Geo. W. Calvert was appointed to the circuit. The weakness of Niagara Street appointment led to its being closed for the next two years.

Rev. J. G. Foote, in 1882, the pastor of Louth and Grantham Circuit, re-opened the Niagara Street Church as one of the appointments on that circuit. During his term the interior of the church was repaired and a fence around the church built.

During 1883-1884, the union of the various branches of the Methodist Churches in Canada was consummated. At this time Niagara Street, was taken from, and Homer added to, the Louth and Grantham Circuit.



G. GEORGE CLARK, PH.D.
Superannuated, Niagara Street Church

The first organ used in the church was the gift of Mr. H. W. Blight, then living in Toronto.

In 1889, Niagara Street was separated from Louth and Grantham with W. H. Barraclough as pastor.

In 1895, the church became self-sustaining during the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Miller.

During the pastorate of Rev. H. B. Christie the church was brick veneered, re-seated, a furnace installed, chandeliers put in and a vestibule built at a cost of some \$1100.00.

In 1901, Rev. W. E. Stafford, B.A., and officials of Niagara Street Church submitted a scheme to St. Paul Street Board, by which the entire indebtedness of \$1100 could be cleared off. Rev. Dr. A. L. Gee, of St. Paul Street Church, and his officials entered heartily into the scheme, and on May 28th, 1902, the mortgage was burned.

During these years the pastors, officials, and members of Welland Avenue congregation also gave much assistance to the work at Niagara Street, which was much appreciated.

During Mr. Stafford's ministry, "A brief history of the Niagara Street Methodist Church, from 1875 to 1903," was published, which contains further interesting details of the church's history.

The great need felt by the congregation now is for more accommodation, especially in connection with the work of the Sunday School.

At a congregational meeting, held during the past winter, a unanimous resolution was passed urging the Official Boards to inaugurate steps looking towards a new church building. Towards this accomplishment the whole congregation looks with confidence.

Sunday School Superintendents, Niagara Street Methodist Church:—John Carter, John Lewin, A. Hobson, W. G. Watson, A. C. Eddy, B.A., B.D., F. R. Parnell, Robert Pierson, Rev. Dr. George Clark, J. R. Gauley.



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Conferences Held in St. Paul Street Church

1845—Wesleyan Methodist Conference.
1876—London Conference.
1883—London Conference.
1887—Niagara Conference.
1893—Niagara Conference.
1899—Hamilton Conference
1914—Hamilton Conference.

Recommended to the Ministry

Recommended by the Quarterly Official Board to enter the Methodist Ministry:—**First Church**—Thos Shepherd, B. I. Kennedy, F. H. Sander-son, Wm. Harris, Hugh S. Dougall, Edson E. Marshall, Sandford E. Mar-shall, Ernest W. Stapleford, Andrew Wise. **Welland Avenue Church**—Wm. Worrall, Theo. B. Edmonds.

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First Church—Lyman Parsons, Francis Connor, S. Junkin, B. C. Fair-field, W. J. Roberston.

Welland Avenue Church—Alex. Junkin, Walter McGibbon, Melvin Moyer, L. R. Grimshaw.

Niagara Street Church—Aaron Read, George Patey, Wm. Brown, B. F. Moore, F. R. Parnell, W. G. Watson.

Statistics

	St. Paul Street	Welland Avenue	Niagara Street	Collier Hill	Totals
Church Membership	600	640	224		1,464
Sunday School Membership ..	516	466	200	126	1,308
Missions including W. M. S.	\$1368	\$1241	\$ 255		\$ 2,864
Other Connexional Funds, etc., .	\$ 896	\$ 574	\$ 138		\$ 1,608
Total raised last year	\$7739	\$6931	\$2564	\$166	\$17,400

Evangelistic Services

It is earnestly hoped that all the members and families of the Churches uniting in this Centennial Anniversary will be much in prayer, ready to give of their time and effort to make these services a great up-lift to the people, both old and young, a time of ingathering, and a period of consecration to the work of the Church and the progress of His King-dom on earth.

FORMER PASTORS

PASTORS OF FIRST CHURCH.

1818—I. B. Smith, G. Ferguson.
 1819—I. B. Smith, D. Shepherdson.
 1820—I. Puffer.
 1821—I. Puffer, J. Tackabury.
 1822—E. Adams, J. Ryerson.
 1823—E. Adams, W. Ryerson.
 1824—T. Demorest, W. Ryerson.
 1825—T. Demorest, W. Griffis.
 1826—J. Ryerson, W. Griffis.
 1827—D. Youmans, R. Heyland.
 1828—J. Richardson, J. Gatchell.
 1829—J. Richardson, E. Stoney.
 1830—E. Stoney, Eph. Evans.
 1831—J. Messmore, Eph. Evans.
 1832—E. Ryerson, J. Messmore.
 1833—J. Evans, J. Baxter.
 1834—E. M. Ryerson, J. Armstrong.
 1835—T. Bevitt, E. M. Ryerson.
 1836—T. Bevitt, J. Douse.
 1837-8—J. Messmore, J. Musgrove.
 1839-40—S. Belton, S. Rose.
 1841—E. Shepherd, T. Cosford.
 1842—J. Ryerson, R. E. Tupper.
 1843—G. R. Sanderson, C. Lavell.
 1844—G. R. Sanderson, E. B. Harper.
 1845—T. Demorest, T. Rattray.
 1846—L. Warner, G. Young.
 1847—J. Law, L. Taylor.
 1848—J. Law, C. Lavell.
 1849—W. Price, W. Ames.
 1850—W. Price, I. Barber, J.S.Evans
 1851—C. Byrne, J. S. Evans.
 1852—C. Byrne, W. S. Griffin.
 1853—G. Goodson, R. Clarke.
 1854—G. Goodson.
 1855-6—K. Creighton.
 1857-9—W. McCullough.
 1860—R. Cooney, D. D.
 1861-2—S. Rose, D. D.
 1863—S. Rose, R. W. Ferrier, M.A.
 1864-6—I. B. Howard.
 1867-8—J. Carroll, D. D.
 1869-70—J. Brock, H. Bridgeman.
 1871—J. Brock, J. P. Lewis.
 1872-3—W. R. Parker, J. P. Lewis.
 1874—G. R. Sanderson, T. Colling.
 1875—G. R. Sanderson, C. Harper.
 1876—G. R. Sanderson, W. J. Maxwell.
 1877-8—A. Langford, W. J. Maxwell.
 1879—W. S. Griffin, H. T. Crossley.
 1880-1—W. S. Griffin, D. D.
 1882-3—J. A. Williams, D. D.
 1884—J. A. Williams, F. A. Cassidy.
 1885-6—William J. Maxwell.
 1887—W. J. Hunter, Ph.D. D. D.
 1888-10—I. Tovell, D. D.
 1891-2—S. Cleaver, M. A.
 1893-5—D. W. Snider.
 1896-8—F. A. Cassidy, M. A.

1899-02—A. L. Gee, M. A. Ph. D.
 1903-06—John Pickering.
 1907-10—Wm. J. Crothers, M. A.
 1911-13—J. R. Patterson.
 1914-16—S. E. Marshall, B. A., B.D.

WELLAND AVENUE.

1871—J. Brock, J. P. Lewis.
 1872-3—Wm. R. Parker, J. P. Lewis.
 1874-5—G. R. Sanderson, T. Colling.
 1876—T. Colling, B. A.
 1877—J. Ridley.
 1878—J. W. Holmes.
 1879-81—L. W. Crews, B. A.
 1882—T. Colling, B. A.
 1883-4—V. H. Emory.
 1885-7—A. C. Crews, D. D.
 1888-90—J. Vanwyck, B. A.
 1891-93—G. Mitchell, B. A.
 1894-96—G. W. Kerby, D. D.
 1897—J. Philp, D. D.
 1898-1900—Wm. Smyth.
 1900-3—W. H. Harvey, B. A.
 1904-7—D. A. Moir, B. D.
 1908-12—Manly Benson, D. D.
 1912-15—G. W. Henderson, D. D.
 1915-16—R. D. Hamilton.

NIAGARA STREET

1874—G. R. Sanderson, T. Colling.
 1875—G. R. Sanderson, C. Harper.
 1876—G. R. Sanderson, W. J. Maxwell.
 1877-8—A. Langford, W. J. Maxwell.
 1879-80—G. W. Calvert.
 1881—No preaching service.
 1882-3—J. G. Foote.
 1884-5—Henry Harris.
 1886—Supply—C. Fish, W. E. Pescott, T. L. Kerruish.
 1887—J. H. Kennedy, T. J. Parr.
 1888—R. B. Rowe, W. D. Misener.
 1889—W. H. Barraclough, B. A.
 1890—S. W. Fallis.
 1891—G. F. Swinnerton.
 1892—W. J. Sipprell, B. A. D. D.
 1893—E. Sheppard.
 1894-5—A. B. Miller.
 1896-9—H. B. Christie, B. A.
 1900—A. C. Eddy, B. A., B. D.
 1901-4—W. E. Stafford, B. A.
 1904-5—H. Monsinger.
 1906—C. S. Applegath.
 1907-8—J. M. Copeland, B. A.
 1909—F. G. Farrill, M. A., B. D.
 1910-1—G. S. Cassmore, B. A.
 1912—W. D. Clark, B. A.
 1913-14—B. Cyre, B. A., B. D.
 1914-16—H. L. Roberts, M. A. B. D.

HONOUR ROLL

September 1, 1916

FIRST CHURCH

Abbs, Corp. James.
Austin, Pte. A. W.
Beatty, Lieut., Nurse.
Bell, Pte. Wm. A.
Bennett, Driver Percy.
Book, Pte. Lloyd.
Boose, Pte. Herbert.
Byrne, Driver Norman.
Bradley, Corp. Thomas.
Catt, Gunner Fred.
Carrol, Sergt. Grenville
Charlton, Pte. P.
Coleman, Gunner A. F.
Collard, Lieut. R. R.
Cosby, Gunner Ervin.
Cook, Pte. T. P.
Darker, Gunner Geo. H.
Davis, Pte. Wm.
Dale, Pte. Allan.
Dawson, Pte. Gonard.
Ecclestone, Lieut. G. P.
Eckel, Gunner, Ralph.
Fairfield, Gunner G.
Fairfield, Gunner H.
Fairfield, Pte. James.
Ferris, Pte. R. N.
Gander, Sergt. A. C.
Gardner, Capt. Eric.
George, Pte. Harold.
Gill, Pte. W. R.
Gordon, Bmdr. M. J.
Gray, Pte. C.
Hawke, Pte. J. H.
Hill, Corp. B. H.
Hiscott, Pte. J. C.
Hough, Capt. Dr. A. H.
Howarth, Pte. Chris L.
Jackson, Cant. Frank.
Jankowski, Pte. J.
Jarvis, Corp. Howard.
Joliffe, Lieut. Wilfred.
Kemping, Pte. Harold.
Lauder, Gunner D.
Leach, Pte. C.
Legg, Pte. Cyril.
Letty, Gunner T. A.
Lewis, Corp. Fred.
Logan, Lieut. Douglas.
Longley, Gunner Arch.
Longley, Pte. Howard.
Lovelace, Capt. E. J.
Lovelace, Lieut. Stanley
Marks, Bandmaster G.
Matthews, Pte. P. A.
Miller, Pte. Roy.
*Mitchill, Pte. Wm.
Morris, Pte. Fred.
Morrison, Gunner Ed.
Moyer, Sergt. U. S.
Mould, Pte. John.
Murphy, Trooper Wm.
McClland, Pte. A.
Macdonald, Pte. A. F.
McCordick, Lt.-Col. F. C.
McPherson, Pte. D.
Nichols, Pte. S.
Noble, Pte. E. A.
Pears, Pte. Alfred.
Potten, Pte. Arthur.

Peart, Bandsman Leroy.
Peel, Sergt. Percy.
Plumley, Sergt. Lorne.
Prior, Lieut. F. W.
Rowden, Gunner S. V.
Rowden, Pte. E. T.
Rumball, Driver Carl.
Ryan, Pte. Alva. D.
*Ryan Pte. C. E.
Ryan, Pte. David.
Ryan Pte. W. J.
Ryckman, Pte. W. G.
Shephard, Serg. Geo.
Short, Pte. Fred.
Smallcombe, Lt. W. H.
Springstead, Pte. A.
Stapleford, Sgt. Maj. H.
Steedsman, Corp. H.P.C.
Sutcliffe, Sergt. R. C.
Sutcliffe, Sergt. E. G.
Swinton, Bugler A.
*Tamblingson, Sergt. J.
Taylor, Pte. Frank.
Tester, Pte. W. G.
Tetterson, Pte. R. J.
Tribble, Gunner E.
Tune, Pte. L.
Upper, Pte. J. A.
Upper, Pte. R. E.
Van Wyck, Pte. H.
Wolhaupter, Sergt. H.P.
Watson, Sergt. J.
Wells, Pte. Wm. B.
White, Trooper E.
Whitehead, Corp. W.
Willows, Lieut. C. E.
Wilson, Gunner H.
Wise, Pte. (Rev.) A.
Wright, Pte. E.
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WELLAND AVENUE

Bell, Charlie, Q.M.S'g.
Byrant, Wm. Pte.
Bryant, John, Pte.
Buschlen, G. Pte.
Briand, S. J. Pte.
Cox, Albert A., Pte.
Dawson, Clarence Capt.
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Edmonds, Ernest, Pte.
Grass, Allen, Pte.
Grass, Ernest, Pte.
Hammond, C., Pte.
Hannon, Kerby, Pte.
Hoople, Albert, Drm.
Houser, Homer, Pte.
Hamilton, D. K., Lieut.
Jones, Harold, Pte.
Jolliffe, W. Sergt.
Jolliffe, Harold, Pte.
Johnston, Edward, Pte.
Moyer, Carl, Pte.
Nicholson, F. C. Bombd
Pay, Charles, Pte.
Pay, Willie, Pte.
Rex, Samuel, Pte.
Saxton, Roy, Pte.
*Taylor, Ross, Bombd.
Taylor, Fred, Pte.

Tetterson, Ross, Pte.
Turnbull, A. R., Q.M. Sg.
Turnbull, Ernest, Serg.
Turnbull, George, Serg.
Turnbull, Harold, Pte.
Vollett, Mervyn, Pte.
Wilson, N. K., Bj. Mug.
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Andrews, Sig., Fred W.
Ashford, Pte., Wm.
Austin, Corp., Peter F.
Brown, Pte., John.
Buchanan, Pte., John
Buck, Pte., Thomas
Cherry, Pte., Fred.
Carberry, Pte., Albert.
Cline, Pte., Arthur R.
Collins, Scout, F. H.
Dickson, Gunner John
Ellingham, Scout Frank
Ellingham, Sig. G.
Gouley, Pte. Ernest.
Hawke, Pte., Howard.
Hawkins, Pte., James.
Hoskins, Gr., Elmer.
Hounsell, Driver A. C.
Lamont, Pte., R.
Laughlin, Gr. James.
Laughlin, Gunner John.
LeRoy, Corp., W. J.
Longley, Pte., H. C.
McIntosh, Sg. Ivan.
McLachlan, Sergt. J.
McPherson, W. P.
Miles, Pte., William.
Moore, Gr., Franklin.
Oddie, Pte., A.
Outram, Gr. Edward.
Overholt, Gr. Lorne.
*Plato, Bob., P. M.
Plato, Lieut., Ross A.
Plato, Bugler, Roy.
Rees, Pte., Thomas.
Rhodes, Trooper, J.
Sergeant, Corp., Albert.
Southam, Pte., Edwin.
Steele, Pte., Chas.
Stott, Sergt. N. A.
Steedsman, Sergt., H.
Varcoe, Bugler, John.
Varcoe, Pte., T. R.
Varcoe, Gr., Wm. R.
Watson, Sergt., J.
Watson, St.-Maj., W. N.
*Wiley, Pte., A.
Williams, Pte., J.
Yates, Dr. A. J.—49

COLLIER HILL, S. S.

Brisson, Pte., A.
Brauley, Pte., F.
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Lauder, Pte., D.
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